

Federal and American Indian Mineral Collections

The U.S. Department of the Interior has collected and distributed over \$170 billion in mineral royalties, rents, bonuses, and other revenues from Federal and American Indian lands since 1920. Over \$120 billion of this amount, or over 70 percent, has been collected since 1982 when the Minerals Management Service (MMS) was created within the Department. These revenues are distributed to special-purpose accounts administered by Federal agencies, to the U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury), States, and the American Indian community.

Special Purpose Accounts

- **National Historic Preservation Fund:** Since 1982, MMS has distributed \$2.7 billion to the fund to expand and accelerate historic preservation plans and activities. The fund provides revenues for matching grants-in-aid to States and local governments, and funds the National Trust for Historic Preservation.
- **Land and Water Conservation Fund:** Since 1982, MMS has distributed nearly \$17.2 billion to the fund to provide revenues for the Federal Government, State governments, and local governments to purchase parks and recreation areas, and to plan, acquire, and develop land and water resources for recreational use, habitat protection, scenic beauty, and biological diversity.
- **Reclamation Fund:** Since 1982, MMS has distributed over \$8 billion to the fund to provide revenues to build, maintain, and operate water and associated power projects on arid and semiarid Western lands.

U.S. Department of the Treasury

The MMS has distributed over \$75.4 billion since 1982 to the General Fund of the Treasury. The revenues, one of the largest sources of non-tax receipts to the Federal Government, are appropriated by Congress to fund a variety of Federal programs, including the National defense, Social Security, Medicare, education, highways, and public works.

States

The MMS has distributed over \$13.5 billion since 1982 to States with mineral leases within their respective boundaries and States with Federal mineral leases within 3 miles of the seaward boundary of their coast. The revenues are used to fund a variety of State programs including education and highways.

American Indian Community

The MMS has distributed nearly \$3.4 billion since 1982 to American Indian Tribes and individual American Indian lessors. The funds are used at the discretion of the American Indian community.